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## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Events of Interest From Washington.

By J. E. Jones.

#### THE ISSUE OF 1916.

The Democrats claim that they have a walk-away in 1916.

The Republicans assert that the country is already tired of the Democratic administration, and they charge that the low tariff has been producing hard times. Their theory is that they will have a walk-away in 1916.

Progressives confidently assert that the only strength in either one of the old parties remains in the pledges to the people that they will carry out Progressive principles in the future. They assert that notwithstanding the fact that they slumped nearly three-fourths of their strength in the recent election, that the reason all laid in the fact that the Progressives joined with the Republicans simply to lick the Democrats. These Progressives insist that in a national election where a President is to be voted for that the most progressive members of both the old parties will stand together for real progressive progressivism under the Progressive party banner in 1916.

The Prohibition party is "perkling up," and its members assert that the country is coming around to their ideas by leaps and bounds. Their joy knows no bounds since they attained a majority in the House of Representatives in the question of a constitutional amendment providing for national prohibition.

Who will deny that America is next door to political utopia, since nearly every one interested in politics can figure out their coming victories?

#### THE POST OFFICE SURPLUS.

Former Postmaster General Hitchcock claimed to have achieved a surplus in the Post Office Department, but so soon did he lose himself in the mining regions of Arizona than his successor, General Burleson, challenged the statement, and claimed that there had been a deficit of nearly a million dollars. Now the Postmaster General asserts that he has a real surplus of receipts of \$3,500,000 or more, over operating expenses. Perhaps it serves Mr. Burleson right to have the critics refuse to admit his claim. They declare that if all the general expenses were paid from postal receipts, and not from the Treasury direct, that the surplus would vanish into thin air. Postmaster General Burleson has been juggling with the figures of surplus and deficits for years, principally because there has been an intelligent accounting in the Post Office Department. They do not know, and neither does anyone else know, the true state of Post Office finances. Millions of dollars worth of public property and buildings owned and occupied by the government appear to obscure the power of the Department to arrive at a true balance.

#### NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS.

The evidence is strong that the people who would dig into conditions surrounding the lack of national preparedness are losing ground. President Wilson and the "War Ministers" of the Cabinet promptly discouraged a Congressional investigation, and former President Taft came to the support of the Administration in saying that such investigations are useless. The result of the agitation indicates that the numerous investigations which have been had along these lines produced more information than the country is willing or able to use. Uncle Sam apparently has a lot of cards up his sleeve which he could use in the war game if it became necessary.

#### IT'S A LONG WAY.

As a result of his recent unfortunate experience before the Supreme Court, it has been suggested at the National Capital that Harry K. Thaw might revise the words, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and substitute "It's a Long Way to Freedom."

**THE CALIFORNIA EXPOSITIONS.**  
It has been announced that the opening of the San Diego Exposition has been postponed for several weeks. The San Francisco Exposition apparently has become a sort of side issue for the San Diego affair, if one is to judge resolutions by the representation given to the two shows in the public print. Both Expositions claim, as the reason for their existence, that they are commemorating the completion of the Panama Canal, and while in these troubled times the Panama Canal is retaining neutral, yet there appears to

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## SCHOOL REPORT

### Abstract From State Superintendent's Report

The annual report of Hon. Payson Smith of Augusta, the State superintendent of public schools, which was filed with the Governor and Council recently shows that for the last school year 6,380 different teachers, 5,876 of whom were women, were employed in the elementary schools of the State. Since there was a reduction of 578 in the number of different teachers employed the conclusion is drawn that teaching service was on the average somewhat more continuous. This is regarded as an educational gain. Frequent changes in the teaching force in a town or a school tends to make for unrest and for the demoralization of school work. The employment of teachers for the entire school year rather than from term to term is regarded as an economical measure from both financial and educational points of view.

It appears from the report that the percentage of trained teachers is gradually increasing. Ten years ago a little more than 22 per cent were graduates of normal or training schools, while last year practically one-third or nearly 34 per cent were of that class.

A careful analysis of the figures shows that these trained teachers are not all of them to be found by any means in the larger towns and cities. The impression that normal graduates are not to be found in any except the cities and larger towns is apparently not sustained by the facts since there were only 146 plantations and towns that were not served at some time during the year by a graduate of a normal or training school.

As the report indicates there is a close connection between the quality of the teaching force and the wages paid. The average salary for women teachers in the 146 towns and plantations not employing trained teachers was \$204.49 which was \$22.03 less than the average annual salary of women teachers for the whole State.

Moreover, it is of interest to notice that 43 per cent of these 146 towns assessed themselves for the common schools at a rate less than the average for the State and could without an excessive rate or taxation correct the implied deficiency. Of the 57 per cent claims were considered in connection with Equalization Fund apportionments and awards in many cases were made for the purpose of increasing teachers' salaries.

On the general situation of teachers' salaries the report shows still improvement, the annual salary of women teachers increasing over the preceding year from \$345.93 to \$376.52.

The report suggests that in view of the unenviable position held by Maine in the matter of teachers' salaries there should be no relaxation of effort until the schools can hold well qualified teachers in competition with neighboring States. Despite the gain in some of the towns and counties there were still last year two counties where the annual average salary of women teachers fell below \$300. The report emphasizes the fact that the real test of the result of teachers' wages is not to be made by an application of an average figure. The weakness is apparent when in any school the wage of the teachers is so low as to make impossible or extremely difficult a well sustained quality of teaching service through a period of years.

The returns show for example that there were last year 1,119 teachers who were paid annual salaries of \$250 or less and that there were 1,150 others whose annual salaries did not go above \$300. These salaries in the opinion of the State superintendent do not justify a reasonable expectation of a high grade of teaching service sustained year after year. The question raised by these figures is not so much one of justice to teachers as it is one of assuring to children a reasonable efficiency of instruction and to the State a proper safeguarding of the education of its future citizens. Further comment implies that the State might well take under consideration the adoption of a minimum salary act with a view of eliminating more speedily the number of grossly underpaid teaching positions.

Speaking of the professional activities of teachers the school report shows that for the year ending July 1, 1914, the last to which local certification of teachers applied, there were

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## CHRISTMAS AT BETHEL

### UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

The usual free Christmas supper was served in the chapel dining room on Thursday evening. All the tables were set and all were attractively decorated with miniature Christmas trees festooned with strings of popcorn. The dining room was decorated with evergreen and other holiday emblems. About one hundred young and old sat down to the well-laden tables and all seemed to enter heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Following the supper the entire company went to the auditorium in the church where two well-burdened Christmas trees stood. A short literary and musical program was given and then the gifts were distributed. Never before, it seemed, were so many presents brought to the trees in this church and everyone was remembered in some way. It was a happy, joyous time for not only the many young people who were present but for the older ones as well.

Sunday, Dec. 27th, was observed as Christmas Sunday. The morning service was appropriate. Rev. Mr. Little delivered a most helpful and inspiring sermon from the text, "Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy." Special music was provided by a mixed choir of eight voices. There was a violin solo by Mrs. Emma Thurston Young and a vocal solo by Miss Alma Martyn. Besides these two there were in the choir, Mrs. F. L. Edwards, Mrs. C. W. Hall, Mrs. John Burbank, Mr. L. A. Hall, Mr. Howard F. Thurston and Mr. Wallace W. Kilgore. The regular organist, Mrs. Annie Willey, presided at the organ.

Sunday evening there was given a Christmas concert to a well filled church. The program included a pretty musical exercise with special features together with recitations by several of the younger members. The closing feature was the allegory, "A Soul in Doubt," which was previously given at a concert in this church and which received so much favorable comment. This was in charge of Mrs. P. L. Edwards as was the entire concert. In its repetition this allegory lost none of its appealing beauty, the electrical effects being one of the special features connected with its presentation. The "Soul in Doubt" was represented by Miss Mildred Rossmann who was not only charming in appearance but also in the manner in which her part was taken. The other parts were taken by Miss Bertha Cole, Miss Bernestine Philbrook, Miss Ruby Ashby, Miss Dorothy Hutchins, Miss Mariel Park, Miss Alice Gunther, Miss Marion Frost and Miss Marjorie Farwell. The song features were by Miss Martyn.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The usual Christmas supper was served in Garland Chapel, Thursday evening and a large number gathered around the tables and not only the boys and girls seemed to enjoy it, but the seniors, as well. A pleasing little entertainment followed the supper under the direction of Miss Belle Parington. The program consisted of recitations and songs by the little people and a piano duet by Kathryn and Robert Hanson, a piano solo by Esther Tyler, also Marion Wilson, Miss Blanche Herrick recited a piano solo and also was accompanist.

A little play entitled "Father Christmas and Mother Goose," was presented and all the parts were well taken. The many children of Mother Goose who came in to be introduced to Father Christmas looked quite picturesque in their costumes. Last of all came Father Christmas' son, Santa Claus, who received the presents the children had brought Father Christmas.

The key of the New Year was brought to Father Christmas, then the children all enjoyed the unloading of the trees which stood around the fireplace and the little folks. A merry Christmas greeted all.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

The Christmas concert at the Methodist Church last Thursday evening was well attended and was a verdict of general approval. Special features were the readings from the "Bible's Christmas Carol," by Mrs. Bertha Philbrook, and the exercise, "A Day in Bethlehem," in which a group of shepherds and village maidens talked over the wonders of the first Christmas night.

Santa Claus was accompanied this year by "Mrs. Santa Claus," whose mission was to keep him from boasting too much and help him out of difficulties.

The tree and the whole front of the

## GRANGE NEWS

### UPTON GRANGE.

The following officers were elected at the regular meeting of Upton Grange:  
Master—Daisie B. Warren.  
Overseer—H. W. Whitney.  
Lecturer—H. L. Abbott.  
Steward—Ed. Warren.  
Asst. Steward—Guy Pratt.  
Chaplain—B. L. Judkins.  
Treasurer—S. F. Penrose.  
Secretary—Lavonne Whitney.  
Gate Keeper—A. W. Judkins.  
Ceres—Mrs. Paul West.  
Fosom—Rena Lane.  
Flora—Grace Barnett.  
L. A. Steward—George Pratt.  
Installation will be Saturday, Jan. 2, with L. W. Morse installing officer. At the close of the meeting an oyster supper will be served.

### BEAR RIVER GRANGE.

Bear River Grange, No. 553, held its regular meeting Saturday evening, Dec. 26th with fourteen members present. Officers pro tem were: Assistant Steward, Gwendolyn Gowing; Lady Assistant, Mabel Bailey; Chaplain, Mrs. Edna; Lecturer, Mrs. Holt; Ceres, Lena Bartlett; Flora, Mrs. Bailey. A report of the State Grange session at City Hall, Lewiston, was read by the Master's wife. It was voted to extend an invitation to Alder River Grange to attend the installation of Officers, Jan. 9. The committee were unable to secure the services of J. D. Martin as installing officer. C. W. Godwin was appointed to secure the services of another. The following program was given:

Recitation, Mabel Bailey  
Reading, C. F. Saunders  
Reading, A. E. Bailey  
Reading, Mrs. Nellie Holt  
A correction in last week's Citizen should be made in the officers of this Grange as the Overseer is L. E. Wight instead of L. E. Smith.

### CANTON GRANGE.

Christmas Day was observed at Canton Grange, Saturday and the attendance of children was good. The program consisted of:  
Piano Solo, Miss Margarita Hollis  
Recitation, Elizabeth Irish  
Violin Solo, Arthur Westgate  
Recitation, Eleanor Patterson  
Casket Solo, Angel Ellis  
Recitation, Clarence Glover  
Vocal Solo, Doris Fletcher  
Song, Herschel Ellis  
Vocal Solo, Eleanor Westgate, with violin obligato by Arthur Westgate.  
A Christmas tree was prettily decorated and each child received a gift. The committee in charge of the Christmas tree was Mrs. Marion Smith, Mrs. Blanche McWhannan, Mrs. Edith Ellis, Mrs. Irene Tucker and Mrs. Eleanor Westgate. The installation of officers will occur at the next meeting.

### BETHEL GRANGE.

Bethel Grange postponed the last regular meeting on account of Christmas exercises and held it Saturday, Dec. 26. The following program was prepared:  
Singing, Christmas Song, Grange  
Roll call, answered by clippings, quotations, etc.  
Reading, a Christmas piece,  
Mary Cummings  
Song, a Christmas song, Mrs. Taylor  
Reading, "Mrs. Santa Claus,"  
Mas R. Bartlett  
Gladys Spearin  
Recitation, Christmas, Ida Packard  
A Christmas Monologue, Mrs. Kendall  
Questions: What is most needed to strengthen a farmer's attachment to his vocation? opened by Levi Bartlett and Herman Mason  
Questions: Does the farm housewife have as much labor saving machinery as she should? If not? Why not? discussed by Mary Cummings and Ida Packard  
Closing piece, "Star of the East," Mrs. Spearin

### NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the twelfth day of January, 1915, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.  
ELERY C. PARK, Cashier.  
Bethel, Me., December 1st, 1914.  
12-3-61.

The church were very prettily decorated by the committee in charge of Mrs. Millie Clark.

## REVOLUTION AND LIBERTY

### Paper Read by Dr. J. H. Wight Before Bethel Men's Club

Man, unlike the animals designated as higher vertebrates, has the capacity of Reason—in addition to Intelligence. Man, in other words, is capable of acting deliberately to accomplish a purpose. He can recognize the existence of a problem, and can cast about for the means of solving it. Unlike such insects as bees and ants, men can make progress in their social organizations. Progress is often made, in the direction of greater and greater liberty, by revolution. The attempt, when revolution is chosen as the means of improving the situation, whatever it may be, is not to patch up a constitution or a system, but to destroy largely for the purpose of rebuilding still more largely and on a firmer basis. There have been several notable revolutions, resulting in wonderful political, social, and religious improvement, within the last three hundred years.

The first came in England, in 1688. At that time both political and religious liberty was threatened by James II, a king who did not scruple to set aside the laws of the land to accomplish his purposes. Against him combined the better spirits of the nation, regardless of their special political and religious views, regardless of the altitudes of temporary freedom offered to many. The result was what might have been expected when good combines against evil, when sound principle opposes false; the nation was freed from the threatened danger, all of the best in the old system was preserved, and now strengthening elements were infused into the body politic and ecclesiastical. A truer, a broader liberty was secured. Then came the American Revolution of 1776. We know that so well as to make it unnecessary for me to do more than to mention it. As usual there was a King to be checked in his attempt to enslave a people; as usual right prevailed; the Colonists became citizens of a new State—the Federation of the United States. Then they entered upon an epoch of marvelous development which has not yet ended; which has brought us to such height of prosperity as is the wonder, if not the envy, of the world. For our unsurpassed liberty we have to thank such men as Washington, Franklin, and a host of others of our ancestors who would, if they could, revisit earth, wonder at the use we have made of their beginnings. Almost concurrent with the American Revolution came that of the French. In France a worst of systems had grown up under absolute monarchy. The people were oppressed by nobles and churchmen. So great was the oppression that it resulted in a revolution which ignored the principles of conservatism; even the basis of government was overturned and a new one constructed. Upon it was reared a republic. But this revolution was not so happy in its course as was ours in America—perhaps because it was lacking in conservatism. In time, however, everything worked out for the best. France became a nation infinitely superior in every way to the France of the Old Regime. Such were the revolutions of the late seventeenth and the late eighteenth centuries. Those of the nineteenth were less momentous, yet not without great significance.

The revolutions of the nineteenth century were limited, so far as we are concerned, to North and South America. The Spanish yoke was thrown off about 1825 by the colonies of South America. One result is the Monroe Doctrine—according to which we, the champions of freedom, extend our protection indirectly if not directly to struggling peoples who have a vision of better and higher things. In North America we have the revolutions of Mexico. These are not very inspiring, yet who knows but that evil here will result in good? The Mexicans are groping somewhat blindly for the blessings of liberty. Let us hope that their vision will soon clear.

Revolutions have almost invariably been accomplished through the terrible instrumentality of war. Sometimes wars have been entered upon by the rulers of a nation to occupy the attention of a discontented people and to prevent revolution. Some tell us that Germany, fearing the Social Democrats, plunged Europe into the present awful strife for no other purpose than to save herself from revolution. We shall

## WANT COLUMN.

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### ROOMS TO LET, AUTO AND TEAM CONVEYANCE.

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2 Mechanic St., Bethel, Maine.  
Telephone Connection.

WANTED—Early cut clover, mixed and bright upland grades for my dairy trade. Write what you have and price put onto card. Mention this paper.  
—CHAS. T. FOSTER,  
12-17-14. Loomister, Mass.

Typewriter to let by the week or month. 50c per week, \$2.00 per month. Inquire at  
CITIZEN OFFICE,  
Bethel, Maine.

WANTED—Every woman to know that she can have her old Pony coat made into a first-class, stylish, loose fitting garment for a moderate amount of money, also all other kinds of fur remodeling.  
T. J. MURPHY,  
Manufacturing Furrier,  
Corner Lisbon & Ash Sts.,  
Lewiston, Me.

not discuss the question but shall rather turn a prophetic eye to the outcome. It is safe to predict a revolution here which will be not only European in its extent but indeed worldwide. It is a question whether some sort of arrangement for the preservation of the peace of the world will not follow declarations of peace or serve as a basis for such declarations. We had flattered ourselves that the Hague Conference, with their schemes for arbitration, would put an end to wars. We had hoped that something would take the place of "preparedness for war" as a preventative of war. Now we see clearly that completeness and superiority of preparedness brings the long awaited "Day"—and with it War in all its horrors. There was danger of revolution in Germany because of the heavy burden connected with life on a war footing. There was dislike of the policy in all other nations—so far as the bearers of the burden, the people, were concerned. Now that the war is on, and nations are fighting for their existence, it is but natural that all should devote themselves without murmuring to the deadly work; but when the war is over there will be such a protest, by the people, against the continuance of a policy which has brought such misery and suffering to so many millions—to say nothing of death to other millions—that the policy is bound to be reversed. There will be such a revolution as the world has never seen.

We hope and pray that for the policy which has made war inevitable there may be substituted another, a better policy, which will make it impossible. We hope and pray for a revolution which will establish liberty on the basis of mutual helpfulness and friendliness for the people of the world. And we expect that the United States of America will be largely instrumental in making this new arrangement, for she alone of the nations is in a position to say: "Look at our liberty and our peace, prosperity and happiness—the fruits of liberty."

### NOTICE.

#### ALUMNI SOCIAL CLUB.

At the special request of several of the Alumni of Gould's Academy, Mrs. Gehring has called a meeting of the Alumni Social Club for Saturday evening, Jan. 2, instead of Tuesday evening as was given out last week.

A snow shoveling party of five consisting of Miss Margaret C. Herrick, Miss Marion Mansfield, Mr. Carroll Valentine, Mr. Harold Rich and Mr. Corlis took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Upton, Tuesday. It goes without saying that they had a delightful time.

### Don't.

Don't think because you have taken many remedies in vain that your case is incurable.

You have not taken Hood's Sarsaparilla. It has cured many seemingly hopeless cases of syphilis, catarrh, rheumatism, kidney complaint, dyspepsia and general debility—many cases that may have been worse than yours.

What this great medicine has done for others it can do for you. Adv.



## THE HOME CIRCLE.

Pleasant Reveries—A Column  
Dedicated to Tired Mothers  
as they Join the Home  
Circle at Evening Tide.

## THE COMING YEAR.

The worst or best I would not know,  
And yet, strange inconsistency,  
I ever ask, "What will it be—  
A year of joy, or woe, to meet  
A year of plenty, or of dearth,  
Or shall it be my last of earth?"  
The kindly curtain of God's grace  
Hides all the future from my face.

## THE NEW YEAR.

The closing of one year and the opening of another is but an arbitrary division of time, for a year elapses every hour in the day, and "Every day is a new beginning." The seasons come and go, and we rush along with them; but when the sun has reached his furthest southern limit, and has turned again to make the journey to the northward, we say the year is finished. We are told that as the days lengthen, the cold strengthens, and indeed, for a short period immediately following the short days, the weather seems the sport of blizzards and blizzards conditions, and the real winter seems to be just beginning. With January and February, the increased amount of daylight sends the spirits upwards, and we face the cold with courage and optimism.

The phenomenal weather of the year just passed has given us a keener enjoyment of the crisp, frosty mornings that are now due us, and every one is beginning to look forward with pleasure to the days to come. There was much of discouragement in the twelve-month just ended; but nothing was as bad as was predicted. The shortage of food stuffs has taught us to be more careful in using what we have, and has taught us many lessons of economy in various lines. If we only remember the lessons and apply them to our future work, the year will have been a blessing for people, as a rule, an extravagant and wasteful in every thing. Now that the dark, cold days are with us, is a good time to look over our fields, and plan for the best outcomes for next year; study the successes, and balance the "books," resolved to eliminate the waste and cultivate the economical. If you have kept accounts, it will not be hard to do. If not, then count the neglect as a loss, and see that you remedy the failure as soon as possible. Make the most of every day, if you would succeed with the year.

## FOR EACH TO DECIDE.

Life seems full of new possibilities in the opening of a new year. The question for each girl to decide is how to meet the opportunities which are offered to her, and how to make the most of them. There is knowledge to be gained because it is a pearl beyond price to the possessor, there are talents to be developed, because it is a duty to cultivate one's gifts; there is work to be done, because work means usefulness and contentment. There are always virtues to be striven for, because they help to make strong, noble characters. The great thing is to aim at a true and noble womanhood. To be honest, to be truthful and to do what is right and to keep a clear conscience will seem very simple rules for conduct in life, yet if these are followed, happiness will come, for that depends more on one's self than on circumstances or surroundings.

Life may be full of beauty and usefulness if one is unselfish. Ordinary every day life affords so many opportunities for doing some good service. A gentle word spoken to one who is sad, an encouraging word to a sympathizer, a word to a despondent or a friend, an earnest word of warning to any one who may be in danger of folly, all these little things are very helpful. A

cheerful manner has a stimulating effect on others; a sunny disposition brightens the home. Everyone has at times known the bracing, stimulating feeling that comes from looking into a face which reflects a noble, pure soul or a brave, strong one. It may be the face of a stranger, but the unconscious influence of that fine character is not lost on the passer-by. It is a character which counts in life, noble motives and high thoughts which are worth having. With these possessions and that sweet maidenly reserve, modesty and delicacy which go with refinement, a girl will not only be more charming, but will have an influence over all her associates.

## SUPERVISION OF MAINE SCHOOLS.

Following the example of Massachusetts and other New England states, Maine enacted in 1897 its law providing for the union of towns for the employment of superintendents of schools. Massachusetts originated this plan in 1870, adding the state aid feature in 1893 and still later made the adoption of its provisions obligatory on all towns. All the other New England states with New York and several states of the middle west have since adopted the original plan of union supervision with such modifications as local conditions have suggested. At first Maine towns were slow to adopt the provisions of the Act of 1897. A few pioneering towns having adopted the scheme, other towns profited by their example and voted favorably on the proposals to form unions. During the past ten years, by figures taken from the Maine school report, it is shown that the process of bridging the State under skilled supervision has been reasonably rapid and that the unions have been encouragingly permanent.

For the year ending July first, 1914, there were 81 unions with 221 towns. These figures report an increase of two unions and seven towns over the preceding year. There were in these 81 unions 2,520 schools; an increase of 82 over the year 1912-13. The towns paid \$47,682 for this supervision while the amount of state aid for this purpose was \$63,643.

Practically 80 per cent of the school population is now under city or union supervision. It is reported that there are numerous instances of towns that desire to secure the privileges of the law but are unable to do so because the neighboring towns have already perfected unions that reach the maximum provisions of the act. It is suggested that in justice to these towns and to the interests of the small minority of children not served by the present unions, measures to redistrict the State for permanent supervision should be undertaken soon.

## Many Disorders Come From The Liver.

Are You Just at Odds with Yourself?

Do You Regulate Living?

Are you sometimes at odds with yourself and with the world? Do you wonder what ails you? True you may be eating regularly and sleeping well. Yet something is the matter! Constipation, Headache, Nervousness and Bilious Spells indicate a Sluggish Liver. The tried remedy is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Only 25c at your Drug-Store.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Skin Eruptions. Advertisement.

## GILEAD.

Benjamin Breed of Shelburne, N. H., was in town last Sunday.

John Newell was in Gorham, N. H., recently.

Mrs. Fred Garneau and daughter, Rena, and Mrs. Joseph Rowe went to Ramford last Thursday.

Mrs. Florence Bryant was in Gorham, N. H., last Monday.

Osma Abbot was in South Paris last week.

## UPTON.

Mrs. Annie Coughlin and Miss Doris are visiting at Berlin, N. H.

Will Bartlett carried the Upton boys to Amherst to play basket ball last Wednesday. They were defeated 21 to 17.

Scott Coughlin was at Berlin recently.

Merton Sargent is working for Mr. Bailey.

Charles Brown has gone to Umbagog camp to haul wood and ice.

Quite a number have gone to Bozontown to work this winter. Among those who went were: P. J. West with eight horses, Work Lane, Fred Lane, Ed. Warren and others.

Fred Ellingwood has Herb McArthur are working for Thornton.

The Christmas tree at the church was well attended.

Mrs. Mabel Durkee was called to her parental home at Oxford to see her father who is soon to enter the hospital for treatment.

Leslie Morell, who has been visiting E. O. Jenkins, has returned to his home at Goff's Island.

Dec. 24, born to the wife of Tom Enman, a daughter.

## MAINE AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Maine Automobile Association was held at Portland last week and was one of the most successful gatherings ever held by the Association. Notwithstanding the storm, the State of Maine Room at the Falmouth Hotel where the session was held, was crowded to capacity and from a good roads as well as every other standpoint, the session was a great success.

Notable guests were present including Governor-elect Oakley C. Curtis, his Honor, Mayor William M. Ingraham of Portland, C. S. Stetson, Worthy Master of the State Grange, Hon. Lyman H. Nelson, chairman of the State Highway Commission, Philip J. Deering, State Highway Commissioner, Paul D. Sargent, Chief Engineer of the Commission and a majority of the leading good roads advocates and workers of the State. Almost every section of Maine was represented at the meeting and it was declared by many to be the greatest good roads gathering that has ever been held in this State.

Directors were elected for the ensuing year as follows:—Hiram W. Ricker, Poland; Elmer A. Doten, Portland; Charles A. Hill, Belgrade; William N. Taylor, Portland; Silas B. Adams, Portland; Stanley Blakes, Rumford; Dr. Charles M. Sleeper, Berwick; Charles S. McElburn, Augusta; Leith S. Black, Houlton; Prof. George T. Fies, Brunswick; David Talbot, Rockland; and William D. Pennell, Lewiston. These directors will meet within a short time and elect officers.

Several plans for winter legislation were brought up and the question of lights on all vehicles and State control of speed on State highways will probably be embodied in bills and presented to the Legislature. C. S. Stetson in his address brought out the fact that the Maine State Grange and the Maine Automobile Association are working for the same end, that of the best interests of the State, so far as its highway policy is concerned. He praised the work of the Association and declared that it had been responsible for more good roads agitation and development than any other single organization in the State.

Several matters of importance were discussed but their decisions were left with the board of directors when it shall organize.

## NEWRY.

Died Dec. 29, Mrs. Jacob Corbett. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williamson came to their home last Thursday, returning from on Sunday.

G. H. Learned and family spent Christmas at H. S. Hastings.

Irving French came home from Andover for Christmas.

W. N. and H. R. Powers are sawing wood for the people at Newry corner with their engine.

Robert Egan is going to Sunday River hauling timber with his team.

Selma Smith attended the Christmas exercises at North Newry last Thursday evening.

## LOCKE'S MILLS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tobberts entertained their mother, Mrs. E. L. Tobberts and two brothers, Donald and Lester, of Auburn, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Brewster of Lewiston visited with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rand, over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herrick and Merton and Elsie Herrick of Norway are visiting relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brown of Bethel were guests of his mother, Mrs. Clara Brown, Friday.

Agnes Campbell was a holiday guest of her parents at Mechanic Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Leila Davis of Portsmouth, N. H., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swan.

Herbert and Harold Crooker of So. Paris were guests of their mother, Mrs. Paris Crooker, Sunday.

Mrs. Belle Chase of Portland visited with her mother, Mrs. Clara Brown, the week end.

The Christmas tree and exercises at the church were well attended Thursday evening. The two trees were heavily laden with presents besides the big pack Santa Claus brought with him.

Elizabeth Swift was home from Lewiston, Christmas Day.

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## CANTON.

The new officers of Ponemah Rebekah Lodge, No. 28, elected Friday evening, are as follows:—N. G. Mrs. Maud Richardson; V. G. Mrs. Vada Bicknell; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Frank B. Woodward; Fin. Sec., Mrs. Flora Patterson; Treas., Mrs. Eleanor Westgate; Trustees, Mrs. Helen A. Eastman, Elmer E. Westgate, and Mrs. Mabelle Glines.

Mr. Frank Richardson has been spending his vacation in town.

Mrs. Belle Nulty of Buckfield was a recent guest of her daughter, Miss Alice H. Nulty.

Earl Farnham, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Farnham of No. Hartford, who was operated on for appendicitis last week, is getting along nicely. Dr. Harold Garcelon of Lewiston and Dr. R. W. Bicknell of Canton performed the operation.

Frank Fogg of Boston has joined his wife at the home of his sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Carson.

The marriage of Harold Bolster Gilbert of Canton to Miss Caroline Louise Merry of Madison was solemnized Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Merry of Madison, Rev. F. H. Means officiating. The home was attractively decorated for the occasion and the Lohengrin march was played by Miss Genevieve Merry, sister of the bride. The bride was charmingly gowned in white crepe de chine with shadow lace and carried bridal roses. After the ceremony lunch was served by Mrs. E. R. Merry and Frances Merry, the wedding cake being cut by the bride. The happy couple left for a bridal trip to Boston and will be at home after Jan. 15 at Canton, where they will reside. The bride is a graduate of Madison High School and of Farmington Normal School and a successful school teacher, and has taught several terms in Canton, where she met Mr. Gilbert. The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis B. Gilbert of Canton. He is prominent in Odd Fellowship, being the Noble Grand of Anasagunticook Lodge at the present time. Wednesday evening on his return from his wedding trip the officers of the lodge presented him with a beautiful Odd Fellows pin as a token of esteem. Many fine gifts were received by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert. The bride's gift from the groom was a necklace. Among the guests at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Willis B. Gilbert and Mabel Gilbert of Canton, Ralph N. Gilbert of Hallowville, Miss Lila Gilbert of Lewiston, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Merry, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Merry and daughter, Caroline Merry.

Mrs. Marion Smith spent Christmas with her sister in Ramford.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion E. Field of Five Islands have been guests of Mrs. Field's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Russell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hutchinson have returned to their home in Canton after a few months absence.

Miss Mary N. Richardson has been called from Boston to Canton by the serious illness of her father, Mr. Frank Richardson, who is the oldest citizen of Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Oliver spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Beal, Redden, of Boston.

Mrs. Eleanor Westgate will entertain the Universalist Circle, Thursday of this week.

Prof. H. Arthur Sanders and Mrs. Sanders of Ann Arbor, Mich., are guests of his sister, Mrs. A. F. Russell and family of Canton, and another sister, Mrs. Martha Colman, and brother, P. Sanders of Livermore.

Mrs. Dorcas Bartlett and son, Harold, of Hartford spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Chas. F. Oldham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Walte have been visiting O. S. Walte and family of North Jay.

Mrs. W. S. Ingersoll of Winthrop and John W. Ingersoll, of Bolster's Mills have been visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Oscar Hardy has returned from the hospital at Portland.

J. Fred Henry and family have moved to Lewiston last week.

Mrs. Ethel Jilson of Bolster's Mills has been a guest of Mrs. M. J. Howes and family.

Miss Montrose York fell at the risk bridge evening injuring her head, and was obliged to be taken to her home. She is now recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso F. Russell entertained a family party on Christmas, all of their children and grandchildren being present. These included Miss Arlene and Miss Eva Russell of Berwick, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Abbott Russell of Poland, Mr. and Mrs. John Russell and two children of New, Miss Anna Russell of Portland, Miss Ethel Russell of Auburn, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Elliott of North Ramford, Ned Russell of Medford, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Alben E. Field of Five Islands and Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso F. Russell, Jr. and son of Canton. A beautiful dinner was served and the occasion was much enjoyed.

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Mrs. Mary Dresser is spending the Christmas holidays at her home in Waterville.

Mrs. Dolson and daughter, Marjorie, are spending the holidays in Portland.

Miss Edna Bartlett has closed her school and is at home for Christmas.

Mr. Urban Bartlett was at home from business college at Portland over Christmas.

Russell Swan attended State Grange at Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bean are at home from teaching in Phillips High school for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Eva Bean of Colby College, Frank Bean of Gould's Academy and Robert Bieh of Berlin, N. H., were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bean.

Mrs. H. Elson Bartlett is in Lowell, Mass., for a short time, called there by the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Winslow.

Ceylon Kimball shot a four pointed buck, Monday the 14th. Mr. Ben Hutchins shot a doe the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bartlett entertained as Christmas guests all of their children and grandchildren, as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Bartlett and son of Bethel, Mr. and Mrs. David Gaw and son of Cambridge, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lyon and two daughters of Ramford, and Miss Elsie Bartlett. It was a merry Christmas and all enjoyed the Christmas tree with a real Santa Claus.

Mrs. M. E. Kimball attended State Grange at Lewiston as a delegate.

Mrs. Lucella Bean is at home from Norway for a short vacation over Christmas.

All the Gould's Academy students are at home for the Christmas recess.

The young people enjoyed a social dance at Grange Hall, Saturday evening, and a good company was present.

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